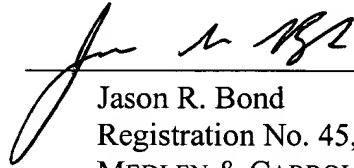


**REMARKS**

The Examiner restricted the claims into four groups: Group I (Claims 1-24), Group II (Claims 25-40), Group III (Claims 41-68); and Group IV (Claims 69-91). While Applicants do not agree with this restriction, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-24) with traverse. As Claims 1-24 Claims have been elected, Claims 25-91 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims (or similar claims) in one or more additional applications.

If the Examiner believes an Interview would help expedite the allowance of this case, Applicants ask the Examiner to call the undersigned at 608-218-6900.

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